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Re:

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Surfactant Complexes

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$60.00 to cover: Petition of Extension of Time fee (1 month);
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a);
- 3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.R.R. § 1.111; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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